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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 3097 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
PANAMA 17 MAY.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETEL, OCON, ITU, PN, US

SUBJECT: ITU WMARC - PANAMA CANAL ZONE

REFS: A. STATE 098613; B. GENEVA 2912

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DOCUMENT DATED MAY 13, 1974,  
IDENTIFIED AS A PROPOSAL TO THE PLENARY OF THE CONFER-  
ENCE, WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE CHAIRAN  
(BILLINGTON OF UK):

"THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA PROPOSES TO  
THE WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO MARITIME CONFERENCE TO  
CHANGE THE DESIGNATED SYMBOL PNZ USED BY THE UNITED  
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STATES OF AMERICA TO REGISTER RADIO STATIONS IN THE

PANAMA CANAL ZONE, AS IF THIS ZONE WERE PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE DESIGNATED SYMBOL PNR WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA WHICH IS THE ONLY SOVEREIGN RULER OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ZONE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA BASES ITS PROPOSAL ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE IS NOT PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND FOR WHICH REASON IT CANNOT REGISTER AS AN AUTONOMOUS TERRITORY SINCE IT FORMS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ALL TERRITORY UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA."

2. ON MAY 14 BILLINGTON QUERIED USDEL WHO RESPONDED PURSUANT TO STATE 098613. BILLINGTON THEN SPOKE WITH ROP DELEGATE (VILLAMONTE, TERCER SECRETARIO OF PERMANENT MISSION, GENEVA) AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE ROP PROPOSAL IS BEYOND THE COMPETENCE OF THIS WMARC AND CANNOT BE PROMULGATED AS CONFERENCE DOCUMENT; BILLINGTON ADDED THAT HE INFORMED THIS MATTER WOULD LIKELY BE WITHIN THE US-ROP NEGOTIATIONS. ROP DELEGATE ACKNOWLEDGED HIS AWARENESS OF BOTH POINTS MADE BY BILLINGTON AND ADDED THAT "ROP HOPED TO GET FAVORABLE DECISION BY ITU AND THUS AVOID NEED FOR NEGOTIATION OF THE ISSUE." ROP DELEGATE SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO HEAD OF ROP MISSION.

3. ON MAY 16 THE ROP DELEGATE INFORMED BILLINGTON OF ROP DEMAND THAT ITS PROPOSAL BE PUBLISHED AS CONFERENCE DOCUMENT. BILLINGTON THEN CALLED SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE CONFERENCE VICE-CHAIRMEN (USA, USSR, CHINA AND SENEGAL) THE THE ITU SEC GEN AND DEPUTY SEC GEN. WITH EXCEPTION CHINA (AND SENEGAL ABSENT) ALL PARTIES AGREED THAT ROP PROPOSAL NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE OF THIS CONFERENCE; CHINA STATED SYMPATHY FOR PANAMA. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE "THOUGHT ABOUT" OVER THE WEEKEND. AD HOC MEETING RECONVENES 1100 HOURS MAY 20 TO DECIDE ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY BILLINGTON.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT 1) ROP DOCUMENT WILL BE PROMULGATED, SINCE IT IS IN FACT A PROPOSAL BY A VALID MEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ITU, AND 2) WHEN BILLINGTON INTRODUCES DOCUMENT IN PLENARY SESSION HE WILL STATE HIS POSITION THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEYOND THE COMPETENCY OF THIS CONFERENCE. PURSUANT TO STATE 098613 USDEL WILL STRESS FACT THAT THE ISSUE IS MATTER OF NEGOTIATION, ETC., AND WILL HAVE OTHER DELS LINED UP TO SUPPORT POSITIONS OF CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND USDEL. SUPPORT FOR ROP PROPOSAL WILL BE HEARD; QUESTION IS HOW MUCH. IF MATTER COMES TO VOTE,

WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF THE PROPOSAL BEING  
ACCEPTED BY CONFERENCE. IF LATTER IS THE CASE, THE  
PLENARY WILL PROBABLY FOCUS ON A RESOLUTION TO INSTRUCT  
THE IFRB TO EFFECT THE CHANGES FROM PNZ TO PNR.

5. BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE WITHDRAWAL OF ROP PROPOSAL,  
BUT THAT CAN NOT BE INFLUENCED IN GENEVA BECAUSE 1) ROP  
DELEGATE SAYS MISSION UNDER STRICT ORDERS, AND 2)  
BILLINGTON'S SUGGESTION FOR US-ROP DISCUSSION HERE HAS  
NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY ROP MISSION.

6. IF DECISION ON MAY 20 IS THAT ROP PROPOSAL MUST BE  
PUBLISHED, BILLINGTON SEES MAY 24 AS FIRST DATE FOR IT  
ON PLENARY AGENDA.

7. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. ABRAMS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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